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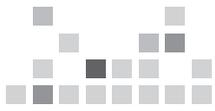
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# The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.



No doubt about it, the world is changing. Families used to go to church every week. Kids used to have longer attention spans. Teachers used to have more time to prepare. And didn't our budgets used to be bigger?

Even the Sunday school Bible curriculum you used just a couple of years ago is already out of date. But there's one thing that's never changed: the need to grow families closer to Jesus.

That's why we created FaithWeaver NOW®, and it's different from anything you've ever seen before!

## **It combines Sunday school with family ministry.** ■■■■

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- Simple and easy lessons fit even the busiest lives.
- Kids see God in their everyday world.
- The Scope & Sequence goes through the Bible every three years.
- You can customize it however you like, with both print and digital versions.

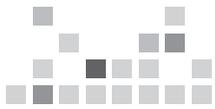


Create a vibrant family ministry that's new...that's wow...that's NOW. FaithWeaver NOW gives you a fresh strategy for being more successful than ever in bringing families closer to Jesus.

*Thom Schultz Joani Schultz*

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# Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons

2 Kings 4:1-7

Fifth- and sixth-graders are intellectually sophisticated enough to be able to distinguish between “wants” and “needs.” However, they may have such an emotional attachment to something they want that it may still feel like a need. Use this lesson to help kids understand what true need can look like as they embrace and accept God’s care for them. Use the lesson to also help kids recognize and care for the needs of others.



► **Bible Point**  
God cares for needy people.

**Key Verse**  
“He [God] defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing” (Deuteronomy 10:18).

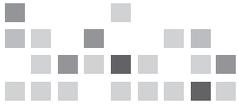
**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will care for people they know who have specific needs.

LESSON	WHAT STUDENTS DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>A Story of Need</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Respond to one person’s story of great need; identify places where people might have similar needs.	CD player, newspaper <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>A Letter of Miracles</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Write letters to communicate different points of view about God’s provision to the widow.	Bibles, paper, pens <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Bible Timeline 	



LESSON	WHAT STUDENTS DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Care Prayer</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Write and share prayers based on tough situations.	Bible Buzz, pens	Tear out the Lesson 1 pages from each Bible Buzz student book.
	<b>A Story of Care</b> <i>(about 20 min.)</i> Hear stories where God has shown tremendous care, and commit to caring for others.	Bible Buzz, CD player, pens, paper, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of this lesson) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>4</b> Lasting Impressions	<b>Daily Challenges</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.	Bible Buzz	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.	Bible Buzz	Tear out the letter to parents from each Bible Buzz student book.





## A Story of Need Supplies

CD player  
newspaper

### Teacher Pack

CD: "A Story of Need"  
(tracks 2-5)

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## A Story of Need

### What You'll Do

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Say: **Today we're going to be talking about what people need and how they get their needs met.**

Ask:

- **Have any of you ever been in extreme need of something? Explain.**
- **How did you get your needs met?**

Thank kids for sharing.

Say: **Now we're going to hear the story of one boy who had desperate needs. There will be pauses in the story where we'll talk about similar experiences we've had.**

Play "A Story of Need" on the CD, pausing where indicated to allow kids to answer the questions Tariq asks.

Following the fourth CD track, set out several sections from a newspaper and have kids work in groups of two or three to find stories about places like Tariq's home country or other stories of people in need. After a few minutes, have kids share with the whole group where their stories take place and what needs people there might have.

### Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What are some of the needs that the news accounts you found had in common?**
- **What are some of the needs of people in our area?**
- **What are some differences between "needs" and "wants"?**

Say: **In our world today, many people feel like they "need" things such as new shoes or a favorite musical group's latest work. But there are people in the world today who are in desperate need of things that are much more basic, such as food and shelter. They probably feel scared and uncertain of how they will get their basic needs met. They may even fear for their lives and the lives of those they love. Today we're going to hear about a woman in the Bible who found herself in a desperate situation like this, and we're going to discover that ► GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.**



## 2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

## A Letter of Miracles

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have kids form four groups, and give each group a Bible, paper, and a pen.

Say: **In our Bible passage for today, we'll read about a widow—a woman whose husband had died. She had a desperate need and she wasn't sure what to do about it. The widow's trouble is in the book of 2 Kings. Let's all open our Bibles to 2 Kings 4:1-7.**

Show kids the “Elisha Helps a Widow” picture on the Bible Timeline.

Say: **We're going to explore today's Bible passage by looking at the things different people needed. Each group will be assigned a person, and your group will write a letter to a good friend about the things your assigned person (or people) needed. You can also write about the miraculous events in the passage that helped people get what they needed. Encourage the friend by saying that God can help people with their needs, just as he helped your Bible person (or people).**

Assign each group one of the following:

- the widow
- the sons
- the neighbors
- the creditors

Give groups some time to work together and write their letters. Then ask each group to share its letter by having a willing reader from each group read it aloud to the whole group.

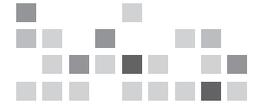
Thank kids for their participation.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What can you learn about God as you think about your assigned person in this Bible passage?**
- **What does this Bible passage tell you about how God cares for needy people?**
- **What does this Bible passage tell you about how God uses others to care for needy people?**



### A Letter of Miracles Supplies

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Bibles  
paper  
pens  
**Teacher Pack**  
Bible Timeline





### Care Prayer Supplies

Bible Buzz  
pens

### Care Prayer Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 1  
pages from each Bible  
Buzz student book.

Say: Through the prophet Elisha, God provided for the widow's desperate need in a miraculous way. ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** God may choose to work a miracle in the life of a needy person, and God also chooses to use others to help with a person's need. Let's look at some other ways God provides for people's needs.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Care Prayer

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Form a circle, and make sure each person has a pen. Have kids find the "C.A.R.E. Prayer" section on their Bible Buzz pages.

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE. And God cares for each of us, too. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we're in need of God's loving care.**

Have kids find and read the Key Verse, Deuteronomy 10:18, on their Bible Buzz pages: "He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing."

Ask:

- What does this verse mean?
- How does this verse apply to you in difficult situations?

Say: **Let's create prayers to God to tell him about the situations in which we need care and to thank him for providing for us, just as he provided for the widow. Use the section on your Bible Buzz pages to write your own C.A.R.E. prayers. Start each word or phrase with one of the letters in the word care, and also include the Key Verse in some form. For example, the first line in your prayer might be "Carry me through the tough times in my life."**

Give kids time to write. Then pray together by going around the circle and inviting each person to share one of his or her lines. When everyone has shared, repeat aloud the Key Verse together and close the prayer time with: **God, thank you for caring for us, and help us to care for others. In Jesus' name, amen.**

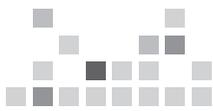
#### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- In what situations in your life have you needed God's care? How has he responded?
- Talk about a situation in which you need God's care right now.
- How does God care for you?





Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** We might not be in such desperate times as the widow and her two sons who God helped through Elisha. But some of us may be in a desperate situation. Whatever our level of need, God promises to care for us. And God also wants us to care for others. Let's look a little more closely at that now.

## A Story of Care

### What You'll Do

Say: **Let's listen to a song that talks about how God is good. And then we'll explore some ways this is true in the lives of people.**

Pass out copies of the lyrics, and play "He Is Good" (Nahum 1:7) (track 6 on the CD). After they listen once, have kids sing along.



*(Verse)*

**The Lord is good,  
A refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him.  
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A refuge in times of trouble.  
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*(Chorus)*

**The Lord is good, good, good, good, good.  
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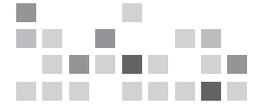
*(Repeat from the beginning; then repeat from the beginning again, singing verse and chorus simultaneously.)*

**He's good.**

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Have kids form pairs, and make sure each pair has a pen and a sheet of paper. Have kids turn to "Care Stories" on their Bible Buzz pages. Assign each pair one of the stories. It's okay to assign a story to more than one pair. If your group is smaller, assign more than one story to each pair or simply choose the stories you want to cover.

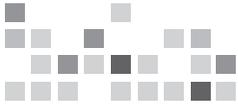
Say: **These are stories of people who had big needs. God took care of them and met their needs. Please read through your assigned story together.** Give pairs time to read.



### A Story of Care Supplies

- .....
- Bible Buzz
- CD player
- pens
- paper
- copies of the lyrics page  
(at the end of this lesson)
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "He Is Good"  
(Nahum 1:7) (track 6)





Now, choose one partner to be the interviewer and the other one to be the one interviewed. Work together to come up with some questions for the interviewer to ask the other person about the needs you see in the story and how you could help in a situation like that. Some questions can be “What needs did you see in the story?” “How did God meet the needs?” and “What role could you play in helping someone with those kinds of needs?” After you come up with some questions, practice your interviews. Give kids time to work.

While they work, play “He Is Good” (Nahum 1:7) quietly in the background. When kids have finished, have them share their interviews with the group. Thank kids for their work and participation.

### Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- What do these stories tell us about how God cares for needy people?
- How do you identify the needs of others and think of ways to help?
- What are some ways Christians can care for needy people?

Say: One way God cares for needy people is through people like us. We can show his love by caring for those in need. Right now, tell your partner about someone you know who is in need. Maybe someone you know has a disability and needs help getting somewhere. Or there might be someone who’s new to your school or to our church and needs a friend. Allow a few minutes for sharing.

► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** We saw that today in our Bible passage when God met the need of the widow and her sons through the prophet Elisha. God can use us like he used Elisha to care for needy people.

## **4** LASTING IMPRESSIONS

### Daily Challenges

#### What You’ll Do

Say: Let’s think about how we can know this week that ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.**

Have kids find this week’s Daily Challenges on their Bible Buzz pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- Write down one specific way to help the person in need you shared about in the last activity.
- Visit an elderly neighbor or help a neighbor out by doing some yardwork.
- Think of one way to meet the need of a family member.

Daily Challenges  
Supplies

Bible Buzz

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell the kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

## Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** The way God cared for the widow in the Bible shows us that every need is important to God. Let's show God that we care for people, too, by following through with our Daily Challenges.

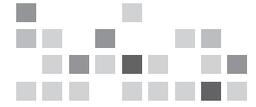
## Weaving Faith at Home

Send the letter to parents home with your kids or give it to parents when they pick up their children. This is a great way to show families they're important to your church and to support their role as spiritual leaders to their children.

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about how God meets needs and wants us to help meet the needs of others. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their Bible Buzz pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids, thanking God for caring for all of us and asking him to help us care for people with true needs this week.



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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Bible Buzz

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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Tear out the letter to parents from each Bible Buzz student book.



**Lyrics** ■■■■**He Is Good (Nahum 1:7)***(Verse)*

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FaithWeaver NOW is for today's Sunday school teachers. It's developed by real Sunday school teachers, examined by real ministry leaders, and tested and approved by thousands of churches so you get great lessons that work with today's families.

*This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:*

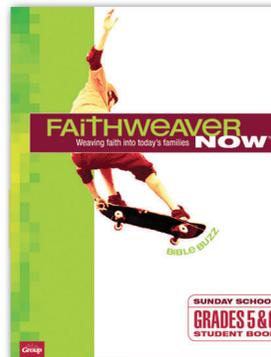
	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons (2 Kings 4:1-7)	"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).	God cares for needy people.
WEEK 2	God Heals Naaman's Leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-16)	"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time" (1 Peter 5:6).	God wants us to be humble.
WEEK 3	Jonah Learns a Lesson (Jonah 1-3)	"The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them" (Hosea 14:9).	Following God is always the right choice.
WEEK 4	Jonah Complains About God's Compassion (Jonah 3:10-4:11)	"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).	God wants us to love everyone.
WEEK 5	God Calls Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8)	"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psalm 95:6).	God is holy.
WEEK 6	Josiah Promises to Follow the Lord (2 Chronicles 34)	"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).	God's Word changes our lives.
WEEK 7	Daniel's Friends Are Safe in the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)	"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).	Stand strong for God.
WEEK 8	God Protects Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:1-23)	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).	God protects us.
WEEK 9	God Promises to Restore Israel After the Exile (Jeremiah 29:4-14)	"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).	We seek God no matter what happens.
WEEK 10	Nehemiah Seeks God's Forgiveness for Israel (Nehemiah 1:1-2:9)	"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).	We seek God's forgiveness.
WEEK 11	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall (Nehemiah 2:11-6:19)	"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).	God helps us face challenges.
WEEK 12	Esther Saves Her People (Esther 2-9)	"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).	Everyone can serve God.
WEEK 13	Job Remains Faithful in Suffering (Job 1:1-2:10; 42:1-6, 10-17)	"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).	God brings us hope when we're hurting.

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- **FREE weekly FamilyConnect pages** you can print out or email to parents to help families grow together in faith throughout the week.

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- Easy faith conversation-starters for kids to take home
- Meaningful at-home activities for families to dig into Scripture

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